Processing facilities for fruit producing areas

2763. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of fruits processed out of the fruits produced in the country during 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) whether it is a fact that fruit producers incur heavy loss every year for want to processing facilities in the country, particularly in the high fruit producing areas; and

(c) if so, the concerted drive in this regard, as contemplated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) and (b) According to the report of M/s Rabo India Finance Pvt. Ltd., the utilisation of fruits and vegetables for processing is estimated to be around 2.20% of the total production and wastage of fruit and vegetables is estimated to be about Rs. 33,000 crore occurring at various stages of handling after harvesting like inadequate post - harvest infrastructure, lack of cold chain facilities, transportation, proper storage and processing facilities etc.

(c) This Ministry has been implementing various schemes for promotion and development of food processing industries. Under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernisation/Establishment of food processing industries, Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance to food processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A & N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP Areas. In addition, under the Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, higher levels of assistance @ 50% upto Rs. 4.00 crore for setting up and Rs. 1.00 crore for upgradation of fruit and vegetables processing is allowed. The Government of India has also launched the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for holistic development of Horticulture in the country.

Ministry has identified thrust areas for strategic intervention. for the Eleventh Plan, by establishing Mega Food Parks, Cold-chain/value addition and preservation infrastructure, capacity building by setting up of National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) and establishment/ upgradation of Quality Control Laboratories, which could result in increasing the level of processing value addition or food products, including perishables.

Private sector participation in mango/fruit pulp industries

2764. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to start or to facilitate private sector to start mango pulp or fruit pulp industries in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the support to be rendered by Government to private/public sector to start such industries in the State; and

(c) whether Government have provided any subsidy or loans to various fruit pulp industries during the last five years; if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has been implementing various schemes for promotion and development of food processing industries including mango pulp or fruit pulp manufacturing industries, which are not State specific. Under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernisation/Establishment of food processing industries, MFPI extends financial assistance to food processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A & N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP Areas.

Besides, under the scheme for Human Resource Development, financial assistance is provided for setting up of Food Processing Training Centre for Development of Rural Entrepreneurship and transfer of technology for processing of food products by utilizing locally grown raw material.

(c) A statement indicating financial assistance provided by MFPI to different States during the last five years is given in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise, year-wise summary of fruit pulp industry proposals in MFPI in which grant has been released

DETAIL	Amount (Rs. in Lakh)
1	2
ANDHRA PRADESH	
2002-2003	0.00
2003-2004	0.00
2004-2005	7.53
2005-2006	72.83
2006-2007	40.43
2007-2008	44.40
TOTAL:	165.19
BIHAR	
2004-2005	2.50
TOTAL:	2.50

1	2
DELHI	
2002-2003	0.00
TOTAL:	0.00
GUJARAT	
2002-2003	21.00
2003-2004	0.00
2004-2005	21.16
TOTAL:	42.16
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	
2005-2006	0.00
TOTAL:	0.00
KARNATAKA	
2002-2003	0.00
2003-2004	0.00
2004-2005	25.00
2005-2006	59.12
TOTAL:	84.12
MAHARASHTRA	
2002-2003	0.00
2004-2005	25.00
2005-2006	25.00
2006-2007	25.00
TOTAL:	75.00
TAMIL NADU	
2002-2003	0.00
2004-2005	0.00
2005-2006	50.00
2006-2007	50.00
2007-2008	45.42
TOTAL:	145.42
GRAND TOTAL:	514.39